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SUBJ: INDUSTRIALIZATION: MOTOROLA SEMICONDUCTERS

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1. ROBERTS R. HEIKES, DIRECTOR GENERAL, EUROPE, MOTOROLA SEMICONDUCTOR PRODUCTS INC.; JEAN-LUC GRAND-CLEMENT, GENERAL MANAGER, MOTROOLA SEMICONDUCTORS OF TOULOUSE; AND MELVYNW. LARKIN, GENERAL MANAGER, MOTOROLA SEMICONDUCTORS LTD. OF GLASGOW CALLED AT EMBASSY ON SEPTEMBER 28 TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY ESTABLISHMENT PLANT FOR PRODUCING SEMICONDUCTORS IN MALTA WHICH WOULD EMPLOY INTIALLY ABOUT 700 AND UP TO 2,000 AFTER APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR (SEE REFTEL.) HEIKES SAID HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES WERE IN MALTA IN CONJUNCTION WITH A MOTOROLA MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE WHICH IS BEING HELD AT THE VERDALA HOTEL. HE SAID THEY WERE ALSO FOLLOWING UP ON EARLIER CONTACTS WITH GOM REGARDING INVESTMENT

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IN MALTA.

2. HEIKES ADDED THEY WERE VERY ENCOURAGED BY MEETING WITH PM MINTOFF ON SEPTEMBER 26, IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSIONS WITH MALTA DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVES. MINTOFF SEEMED VERY PLEASED WITH SUGGESTION AND TRIED TO CONVINCE MOTOROLA REPS THEY SHOULD INCLUDE WITHIN PLAN FACILITY FOR ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL WORK WHICH COULD EMPLOY SIZEABLE NUMBER SKILLED MALTESE MALES (SEMICONDUCTORS WORK IS GENERALLY DONE BY FEMALES AROUND THE WORLD).

3. HEIKES EXPLAINED ADVANTAGES WHICH MALTA OFFERS ARE COMPARATIVE LOW WAGE SCALE COMBINED WITH COMMON MARKET PREFERENCES. HE CAUTIONED THAT DECISION BUILD PLANT NOT RPT NOT YET TAKEN BUT MOTOROLA WILL GO AHEAD WITH SERIOUS FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS THIS PROSPECT.
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